GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER SOURCE IN WESTERN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientists have discovered a 107 km long stretch water source in western Rajasthan in Thar desert;

(b) if so, whether any efforts have been made to make use of this source of water;

(c) the extent to which it is likely to be benefited to the State;

(d) whether the Government propose to constitute a high level study team on this issue including exploitation of water for drought prone areas in Thar desert and;

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Ground Water exploration carried out till date has revealed existence of significant fresh ground water deposits in parts of Thar desert.

(b) Ground Water is being used for water supply and also for irrigation purposes. The estimated use of ground water as on 01.01.2001 is 3997.23 MCM (Million Cubic Metre) for irrigation purposes and 548.45 MCM for domestic purposes.

(c) to (e) Government have taken up special contingency plan for Accelerated Ground Water Exploration in water scarcity and drought prone areas in the State of Rajasthan. Duringdrought, the ground water sources constitute a dependable source of water supply for drinking and domestic purposes.